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**SUMMARY OF TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW WITH EXAMINER ON August 21, 2006 IN
CONNECTION WITH U.S. PATENT APPLICATION NO. 10/731,355**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper sets forth below the various dates of the papers filed by Applicant and papers mailed by the Examiner together with a summary of the telephonic discussions with Examiner Andre Stevenson of the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office. The Final Office Action in this case

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was mailed on February 21, 2006. In that Final Office Action, claims 1-5 were rejected and claims 6-10 were indicated as allowed.

In response, Applicant filed an Amendment and Response on April 14, 2006 (within 2 months of the mailing date of the Final Office Action). In the April 14, 2006 Amendment and Response, (1) allowed claim 6 was put into independent form, (2) allowed claim 7 was amended to depend from independent claim 6, (3) allowed claim 8 was also put in independent form, (4) allowed claim 9 remained dependent on claim 8, and lastly, (5) allowed claim 10 was put in independent form.

Thereafter, Examiner mailed an Advisory Action on June 27, 2006 indicating that the April 14, 2006 Amendment and Response will be entered.

On July 27, 2006 Applicant filed a Supplemental Amendment cancelling rejected claims 1-5 leaving pending allowed claims 6-10. Further, a 1-month extension of time fee \$120 was submitted by Credit Card payment form extending the date for response from June 27, 2006 (mailing date of the Advisory Action) to and including July 27, 2006.


Since the 6-month statutory response period cannot exceed 6 months from February 21, 2006 mailing date of the Final Office Action, the undersigned called the Examiner on August 17, 2006 but was unable to leave a voicemail for the Examiner. Another attempt to contact the Examiner on August 18, 2006 was made but the Examiner was not reachable by telephone.

Finally, another attempt was made to contact Examiner Stevenson by telephone on August 21, 2006. The undersigned was able to speak directly with the Examiner reminding him of the 6-month deadline expiring today, August 21, 2006 and – in view of allowed claims 6-10 claims being the only claims pending – requested the Examiner to allow the application.

During the telephone conference today, Examiner Stevenson agreed to allow this application and agreed to submit a paper indicating same this week or soon thereafter.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: August 21, 2006


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